(d) if so, how many of them have so far done that and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI NISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India has so far granted approval, in principle, to 14 sponsors of mutual funds in the private Sector to set up mutual funds in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations 1993. (b) It is not possible at this stage to estimate the amount of resources likely to be mobilised by these mutual funds since the mobilisation of funds depends on market conditions and perception of the investing pub lic.

(c) and (d) The sponsors of the private sector mutual funds who have been given approval, in prin ciple, will have to set up separate asset management companies, cons titute Boards of Directors of asset management companies, set up Beards of Trustees/Trustee compa nies, appoint custodians and ex ecute the necessary documentation including the memorandum and articles of association of the. asset management companies, trust deeds investment management agreements etc. in accordance with the provisions of SEBI's mutual funds regulations. The sponsors are in. the process of completing the necessary formalities.

Regional offices of the National Housing Bank

2566 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE 1* pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the regional offices of the National Housing Bank at Bhopal, Lucknow and.
Madras have sinca been closed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the losses incurred by the bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) National Housing Bank had proposed to open regional offices at Bhopal, Lucknow and Madras. However, after a review, National Housing Bank felt that the above offices may not be opened for the present.

2567. *[Transferred to 20th August* 1993.]

Cheating by Janpriya Finance and Industrial Investment (India) Ltd.

2568 SHRI GHUFRAN *AZAM:* Will the Minister of FINANCE Be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Janpriya Finance and Industrial Investment (India) Limi ted which had its branches at Simla, Delhi and in other major ci ties has wound up their offices after duping the policy holders of crore of rupees and has now been fune tioning with a new name from Delhi but with same Telephone No. 7776360;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Gpv- errunent to-ensure the refund of amount from this company to the policy holders; and

(c) steps taken by Government to check activities of such cheating companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR